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MICROLITHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INTRODUCING AN IMMERSION LIQUID INTO AN IMMERSION SPACE

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EXAMINER: A.U. 2851

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Dear Examiner Kim:

Applicant submits the following Reply to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2008. Included with this response is certified English translation of priority document German Patent Application No. 103 33 644.3, which was filed on July 24, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.